

COURT HOUSE NOTES

Pinckneyville DEMOCRAT (Ill.)

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Among other business.....

The County Clerk was to call on the Perry County Agricultural Board to furnish a new privy for the Court House, in lieu of the octagonal building taken for a ticket office, as agreed by the said board; and in the event of their failure to do so in time for the accomidation of the public during the next term of Circuit Court, said Clerk is to have the building erected and cost of same is to be collected from the Agricultural Board.

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Clerk was also to have excavations made, filled with cinders, and bricks laid for walks around the Court House.

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My note: W.S.D.Smith was the County Clerk at this time (1874-1890)  
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OCTAGONAL BLDG.,  
at  
Perry Co., Il.Fairgrounds  
Taken 12 Aug., 1983 by  
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OCTAGONAL BUILDING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1988.

Charles (Chuck) Logan was here today. He put a lot of work into the octagonal building standing south of the Grandstand at the Pinckneyville Fairgrounds. (City Park).

After leaving it for awhile he found upon returning that the squirrels had gotten in and had just about eaten up all he had done. In 1988 he has completed the work inside and out and the building is now squirrel-proof.

He stated that when he and his help were working here they commented several times that this building must be very old. The lumber used was pine.

He thinks, as I do, that this has to be the same octagonal building discussed in the April 4th, 1884 edition of the Pinckneyville, Il. Democrat.

Was there a particular reason for making this building an eight-sided one or was the builder simply showing off his ingenuity?

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